

Ryan Guillen

Biography

Ryan Guillen (born October 27, 1977) is the Texas State Representative for House District 31, which includes Starr, Duval, Zapata and Webb Counties. A Democrat and native of Starr County, Guillen was first elected in 2002.

Representative Guillen (D) serves House District 31 in the Texas Legislature. Beginning in 2003 with the 78th Session, he has served for five consecutive regular sessions and eight special sessions in the House of Representatives. The Representative and his wife Dalinda were raised in Rio Grande City where they attended public school. He completed his education with a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in College Station. His family includes many generations of teachers and ranchers, traditions that he continues.

Ryan was born in College Station, Texas, where his parents attended college. While he was still an infant, his family moved back to their home town of Rio Grande City. Guillen was raised in Starr County where he went to school with his future wife, Dalinda. They attended public and private schools in Rio Grande City and later both graduated from Texas A&M University. Guillen was a rancher, educator, and small businessman in Starr County when he was elected to the Texas legislature. Guillen and his wife welcomed their first daughter, Cinco Demi Guillen, in 2010.

During the 82nd Legislative session, Representative Guillen served as Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. He also served on the Public Education and Election Contest Committees. In 2007 Representative Guillen was appointed to The Energy Council, a multi-state board that meets to collaborate on energy policy for the future. Representative Guillen is a member of the Democratic Caucus and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

Guillen also represents the Texas House of Representatives as a member of the Border Legislative Conference (BLC), a program administered by the Council of State Governments (CSG)-WEST and its regional partner in the South, the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC). The BLC is a bi-national program that brings together legislators to resolve problems, to address environmental issues, and to leverage economic opportunities for citizens on both sides of the international border. BLC members are legislators from the ten states along the U.S.-Mexico border: California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas in the U.S., and Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas in Mexico.

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